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 Application No.: 10/671,812; Filed: September 25, 2003
 For: METHOD OF PREPARING A SURFACE OF A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER TO MAKE IT EPIREADY

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final office action dated August 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of all claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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